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## **FEMA REGION 6 SPOT REPORT #4**

**SPOT REPORT:** Explosion at West Fertilizer Plant (West, Texas)

**DATE AND TIME OF OCCURRENCE:** April 17, 2013 at approximately 19:50 CDT

**INCIDENT SUMMARY:** An explosion was caused by a fire at the West Fertilizer Plant in West, TX (McLennan County, 19 miles north of Waco-  
Map: <http://goo.gl/maps/rKk1u>):

- Unconfirmed reports 5-10 fatalities
- Unconfirmed 200+ injuries reported; some people still missing
- The critically injured have been evacuated and non-critical patients are being transported to the Atrium Nursing Home in Bellmead, TX.
- 75-100 homes/businesses destroyed
- Precautionary evacuation for entire town of West
- One shelter open: Latham Springs Baptist Camp, 134 P.R. 223 Aquilla, Texas 76622 (occupant number unknown)
- United Pacific Railroad halted freight train service to

the area

- I-35 is open but severely backed up due to response activities

Concerns:

- Potential weather information and on any conditions that could affect operations (i.e. wind shifts).

**SIGNIFICANCE OF  
EVENT:**

High

**SOURCE OF  
INFORMATION:**

FEMA R6 Logistics and Operations, Department of Health and Human Services, FEMA Region 6 JRMPO Rep, State of Texas Operations Center SOC), FEMA R6 National Preparedness Law Enforcement Liaison, FEMA R6 External Affairs

**ACTIONS/  
FOLLOW UP:**

**State Actions:**

- **No requests for FEMA assistance at this time.**
- The SOC is at Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) in support of the Fertilizer Plant Explosion.
- Area hospitals' preliminary report:
  - Emergency Room Visits: 200
  - Admissions: 51
  - ICU - 5
- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) providing air monitoring and technical assistance
- **Disaster District (DDC) Waco:** DDC is fully activated, identifying needed resources and providing coordination of state resources assigned to the DDC.
- **Texas Task Force 1 & 2 (TTF1 and TTF2):** TTF1 Urban Search & Rescue (USAR) Type I Team to include Damage Assessment Personnel for collapse structure assessment deployed. Search and Rescue K-9 Team has also been deployed. TTF2 Type III Search and Rescue Task Force have also been deployed.
- **Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS):** Has deployed two Mortuary Trailers, and a Morgue Unit. 2 Medical Incident Support Team (MIST) team members have also been deployed. The DSHS' State Medical Operations Center has also been activated.
- **Texas Military Forces (TXMF):** The 6th Civil Support Team (CST) has been deployed to assist with chemical substance detection.
- The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) believes the three priorities for today are:
  - Crisis Counseling
  - Mortuary Care
  - Re-establishing local EMS support

### **Federal Actions:**

- FEMA Regional Administrator in communication with Chief of Texas Division of Emergency Management
- FEMA Regional Administrator and EPA Regional Administrator are in communication.
- FEMA R6 RRCC has activated to Level 3
  - Operations, Logistics, Planning, Individual Assistance, External Affairs, American Red Cross, and Department of Homeland Security Infrastructure Protection currently in RRCC
  - FEMA R6 Recovery has 3 (three) IA PDA teams on standby and are coordinating with SBA
  - IMAT 2 on stand-by to deploy if requested by the state
  - FEMA R6 External Affairs will be hosting a Congressional Outreach Call today to provide a situation update.
- HHS activated and is communicating with Texas Department of State Health Services:
  - Crisis Counseling, mortuary assistance, and re-establishment of local EMS being discussed with State.
  - Two (2) Disaster Medical Assistance Teams and the Region 6 Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team (DMORT) on alert.
  - Moving the DMORT assessment team to DFW (all due in around noon today).
- Environmental Protection Agency has deployed Mobile Command Post to the site
  - EPA has activated their EOC
  - Has approximately six (6) employees on site
  - Have flown their ASPECT plane last night and intend to fly today.
- The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has instituted a temporary flight restriction for 3 nautical miles (no change from R6 War Report at 0430)
- Weather Service is working with the Texas SOC to provide up-to-date potential weather information
- GSA reports no federal facilities or congressional offices reporting damage
- Distribution Center Ft. Worth current Readiness:
  - Water (liters): 3,124,890
  - Commercial Meals (ea): 659,458
  - Reduced Sodium Meals (ea): 869,224
  - Infant Toddler Kits (ea): 0
  - Hygiene/Comfort Kits (ea): 50,000
  - Cots (ea): 31,836
  - Blankets (ea): 208,492

- Consumable Medical Supplies (ea): 2
- Durable Medical Equipment (ea): 4
- Tarps (20'x25'): 135,080
- Generators (ea): 101

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